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Groundwater report details potential shortages brought on by the drought

An update on [California's groundwater levels](#) is providing a glimpse of the toll the drought is taking across the state. The report issued by DWR is a response to one of the orders in a [Proclamation of a State of Emergency](#) signed by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. in January. The order calls on DWR to provide information regarding groundwater basins with potential water shortages, and gaps in groundwater monitoring.



Workshop will take on challenges facing north state small water systems

The California Water Commission has scheduled a [public workshop](#) to discuss the challenges being faced by small water systems in Northern California. It will be Wednesday, May 21, in Auburn. A portion of the day will look at the problems specific to disadvantaged communities. Online [registration](#) is available.

Forest service developing new directive to consider impacts on groundwater

A new directive will provide [guidance for the U.S. Forest Service](#) when it comes to improving and protecting water quality in national forests. The draft *Directive on Groundwater Resource Management* calls for groundwater resources to be taken into consideration when planning activities and uses for forest service lands.

Drought and climate change get top billing at Sierra water summit

Drought and climate change are the themes of this year's [Sierra Water Workgroup](#) summit. It will be Thursday and Friday, June 12 and 13, in Kings Beach. The discussions will share accomplishments, challenges, and resources among regional water management groups throughout the Sierra Nevada.



Annual State Water Project report made available by DWR

DWR has released [Bulletin 132-11, Management of the California State Water Project](#). It is part of an annual series of reports, describing State Water Project status, operations and water deliveries. The entire series of reports dates back to 1963 and is available on the [State Water Project Analysis Office's](#) Web site.

\$4 million in water project funding available for disadvantaged communities

The State Water Resources Control Board is accepting applications for [\\$4 million in funding](#) to provide interim replacement drinking water in economically disadvantaged communities with contaminated water supplies. The funding can be used on a variety of projects including bottled water, wellhead treatment and planning. Eligibility and application requirements are available [here](#).